

NOT SURROUNDED BY TWO CANDIDATES

McAdoo is Not Certainly an Aspirant and Hoover is Not Certainly a Democrat

WILL MAY BE ARBITER

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Feb. 21.—The race for the Democratic nomination is between Mr. McAdoo who is not certainly a candidate, and Mr. Hoover, who is not certainly a Democrat.

Other candidates are taking themselves out of the Democratic race, either by announcement, like Senator Pomereoy, who is too busy to run, or in spite of themselves, like Attorney General Palmer, who is too busy to run.

The big outstanding facts in the Democratic national political situation are Mr. McAdoo's taking himself out of the Democratic primaries in Georgia, and various means of putting Mr. Hoover into the Democratic primaries in various states.

As Governor West of Oregon, said in response to the question, "Is Hoover a Democrat?" "We'll make him one by naming him in the Democratic primaries."

The withdrawal of Mr. McAdoo's name from the Georgia primaries is helpful to Mr. Hoover.

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opponent. They cannot estimate his strength.

He introduces into the political equation the "X" the unknown quantity that politicians do not like.

The unknown quantity in Mr. Hoover's case is that "genius for publicity," which Mr. McAdoo's friends complain of.

You might run Harding or Lowden against McAdoo, but can you safely run Harding or Lowden against a man making a large appeal to the popular imagination?

One now hears Republicans asking themselves this with the utmost seriousness. It is not a sign that Hoover is going to be nominated, or is even likely to be nominated, but it is a sign that he has made a certain progress, gained a standing, if not exactly a good and regular standing in the Democratic party.

The odds are still against Hoover as they are still against Wood. They are in favor of McAdoo as they are in favor of Harding—the favorites of the organization in organization-controlled conventions.

Guarantee Needed to Save Railroads

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plished for them what Congress never had done for any other business, "the act of guaranteeing would guarantee them against the hazards of business."

There is no difference between levying taxes to be turned over to holders of railroad stocks than in telling the Interstate Commerce Commission to let the railways tax the people direct," said Barkley.

"The result of this legislation means that the American people must pay \$2,500,000,000 to the railroads in order that roads, manipulated by special interests, may pay dividends."

Barkley argued that the bill was unconstitutional. He said that the government is taking half of the excess earnings over a 6 per cent return.

Representative Dewalt declared the bill provided no guarantee of any amount. He said that the bill was unconstitutional.

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NO ANXIE OVER FIUME SITUATION

President's Rejoinder to Allied Reply May Be Sent to London Today

NEW NOTE TO JUGO-SLAVS

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 21.—With President Wilson's reply to the note of the Allied premiers on the Adriatic question almost ready for dispatch, officials here have let it be known that they do not regard the situation as acute nor do they expect that the negotiations will take such a turn that the United States would be forced to consider whether it should make a party to the treaty at Versailles.

The reply may go forward today, Acting Secretary Polk will send it to the White House for final approval. Publication will depend on the wishes of the European governments, which the United States has expressed its desire for the frankest publicity in order that garbled versions of the exchanges such as have appeared in the foreign press may be stopped.

Although the premiers have forwarded to Jugo-Slavia in the form of an ultimatum the settlement arrived at with the United States, it is said they have not closed the way to a return to the Paris agreement of December 9, to which the United States was a party.

Paris, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—John W. Davis, American ambassador to Great Britain, spoke in London last night of the "certain instructions" he had received from President Wilson.

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The conference compromise, he said, came before the House today, practically seven months after the committee began hearings. The compromise bill, he asserted, was the original House bill, except "one substantial proposition, by which a rate basis is fixed with earnings in excess of 6 per cent on railroad valuation being divided between the earning carrier and the government for the latter to be shared by the government."

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Why Pay More?

BERLIN COLLECTING DATA ON WAR GUILT

Initial Proceedings Open With Idea of Vindicating National Honor

TRIALS TO BE AT LEIPSIC

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Preliminary proceedings in a number of cases of Germans accused of violations of the laws of war have already begun and progress is being made in the collection of documentary material, Doctor Schiffer, minister of justice, told the representative of the Zwoelf Uhr Blatt yesterday.

German witnesses will be heard, in accordance with the prescriptions of criminal trial regulations, and witnesses will be examined abroad if they do not care to come to Germany. It was indicated a German examining magistrate would go to other countries to be present at the taking of evidence.

Accused persons who do not respond to the summons to appear before the Imperial Court will have to be arrested, and German authorities will, in any case, do everything to expedite proceedings as far as possible.

Atlantic City, Feb. 21.—Shore gamblers, whose places were closed late last night under a sweeping order issued to the police by Commissioner Steinbricker, assistant director of public safety, are disturbed today over reports that Governor Edwards, new Jersey's new executive, is coming here this afternoon to personally investigate charges of police-protected gaming made by Alfred M. Heston, former "watchdog" of the city.

Heston's allegations have been transmitted to the governor and the possibility that the latter might make charges a gross violation of the public safety is believed to have been a factor in causing hurried action by the police.

Denver Man in Charge of Children Is Eligible for Pension

Denver, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—A father, compelled to take active charge of caring for his children, is eligible for a pension under the Colorado mothers' pension law, according to a ruling by Judge J. B. Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court.

Hand Bags at Reduced Prices

Although factory costs would necessitate an increase over present low prices for duplicates of these—we have marked a number of Bags and Suit Cases at 20 per cent less than our regular prices.

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New York Custom Guard Finds Whisky in Tin Belts

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Monday's Important Events at the Strawbridge & Clothier Store

Monday Begins the Last Week of Our Greatest February Sale of Furniture

METAL Bedsteads and Bedding. Thus far, all former selling records have been exceeded by many thousands of dollars, and the six days of special opportunity remaining will be days of wonderful activity.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK is in the Sale at less than regular prices, but these lower prices are for THIS MONTH ONLY. We advise early selection. There is a very good assortment of Bedroom, Dining-room, Breakfast-room, Library and Living-room Suits (an unrivaled display of these upholstered

Suits) and hundreds of single pieces—desks, chairs, tables, tea-wagons, trays, etc., all at reduced prices. Our stock is diminishing in quantity every day, but COMPARISON will prove now, as it has proved from the first day of the month, the advantage of buying Furniture here. Why not make your selection on Monday?

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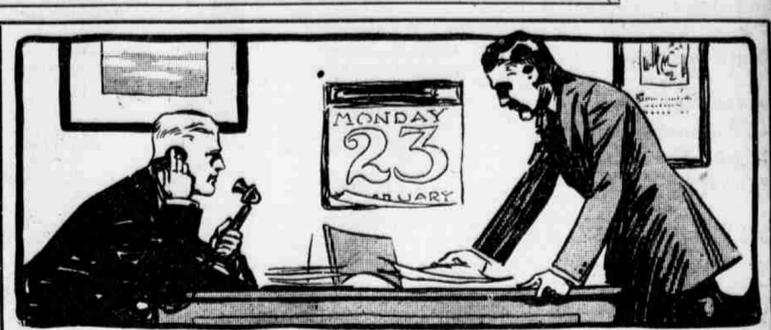
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Why Pay More?



Many a business man whose phone "does not answer" on Monday, will be taking advantage of the Holiday to participate in the savings available in our great Clearance of Clothing. Monday many new lots will be added to all the groups of—

OVERCOATS

Now Reduced to \$18.50, \$23.50, \$28.00, \$33.50, \$38.00 and \$43.00

Imported London Overcoats reduced to \$68.50; also Fur-lined Overcoats reduced—now \$87.50 to \$315.00. Separate Trousers reduced—now \$4.75, \$6.75, \$7.25 and \$8.35.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Ulsters

A New Lot Monday at \$43.00

This lot—great, warm, fleecy Overcoats in models for men and young men—to be introduced into the Sale at this reduced price on Monday. Extraordinary value at \$43.00.

Now is the time to buy a Winter Overcoat. Men who usually wait until February to buy will find a greater assortment than ever before at this time of the year.

The average saving on the Overcoats in the Sale is MORE THAN ONE-THIRD. Cost of production is higher than ever, with no signs of future reduction. Therefore, an Overcoat at a reduced price now is a wonderfully good investment.

HUNDREDS OF WINTER SUITS

Now Reduced to \$18.50, \$23.50, \$28.00, \$33.50, \$38.00 and \$43.00

We shall also have, on Monday, an excellent assortment of very fine Suits of worsted, reduced to \$59.00. In most of the groups of Suits will be found double-breasted as well as single-breasted models. An excellent assortment of sizes at each price—and, in most groups, sizes for men of unusual build—stout and slender as well as regular.

Men's Serge Suits Now \$38.00

This is another new addition to the Sale for Monday—two hundred and fifty-five Serge Suits, in a good substantial weight, bought long ago, but recently received and marked at LESS THAN PRESENT WHOLESALE VALUE—Monday at \$38.00.

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